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the second call. Thereafter, the user is notified, for example, with a distinct ring at the user's telephone, of the option that the user may monitor and override the forwarded call. The system and method can also execute procedures to actuate the options elected by the user.

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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1- 26 without prejudice and add new claims 27-52 as follows:

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--27. (New) A method for notifying a user that the user may monitor a forwarded call that was initially an incoming call to the user from a caller party and was thereafter forwarded to a remote service system, the method comprising:

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determining with a system independent of a serving switch a redirecting number from which the incoming call was forwarded;  
initiating a second call to the user;  
establishing a voice path connecting the forwarded call to the second call; and  
notifying the user that the user may monitor the forwarded call.

28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the voice path comprises a one-way voice path.

29. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein notifying the user comprising sending a distinct ring from the serving switch to the user.

30. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the voice path is established using a bridging circuitry.

31. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the voice path is established using digital signaling processing.

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32. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the voice path is established using packet voice transmission and processing.

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33. (New) The method of claim 27 further comprising:  
providing a two-way voice path between the user and the caller; and  
detaching the remote service from the forwarded call.

34. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein the two-way voice path is provided after the user elects to override the forwarded call.

35. (New) The method of claim 34 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call by pressing a telephone key.

36. (New) The method of claim 34 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call speaking into the telephone handset.

37. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the bridge and control component is incorporated with the remote service system.

38. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the bridge and control component is established independent of the remote service system.

39. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the system independent of the serving switch comprises a bridge and control component.

40. (New) A system that notifies and allows a user to monitor a forwarded call that was initially an incoming call to the user from a caller and was thereafter forwarded to a remote service system, the system comprising:

a system independent of a serving switch to determine a redirecting number from which the incoming call was forwarded and initiate a second call to the user and notify the user that the user may monitor the forwarded call, wherein the bridge and control subsystem or component establishes a voice path connecting the forwarded call to the second call.

41. (New) The system of claim 40 wherein the voice path comprises a one-way voice path.

42. (New) The system of claim 40 wherein the system independent of the serving switch comprises a bridge and control component.

43. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component directs the serving switch to send a distinct ring from the to the user to notify the user that the user may monitor the forwarded call.

44. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component directs the serving switch to provide a two-way voice path between the user and the caller and to detach the remote service from the forwarded call.

45. (New) The system of claim 44 wherein the two-way voice path is provided after the user elects to override the forwarded call.

46. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component is incorporated with the remote service system.

47. (New) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component is established independent of the remote service system.

48. (New) The system of claim 40 wherein the voice path is established using a bridging circuitry.

49. (New) The system of claim 40 wherein the voice path is established using digital signaling processing.

50. (New) The system of claim 40 wherein the voice path is established using packet voice transmission and processing.

51. (New) The system of claim 50 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call by pressing a telephone key.

52. (New) The system of claim 50 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call speaking into the telephone handset.--

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